

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Kuniaki Nagayama
Serial No. : 09/992,538
Filed : November 19, 2001
Title : METHOD OF DETERMINING BASE SEQUENCE OF DNA OR RNA AND
DNA SEQUENCER

Art Unit : 1634
Examiner : Bradley L. Sisson

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P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

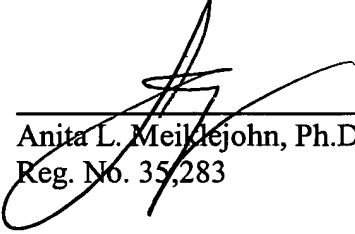
Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated July 20, 2004, be extended for three months to and including November 20, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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